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To the busy practising lawyer and to the often equally busy trial judge, the work will prove of inestimable value, while to the young and inexperienced practitioner it will prove "an ever present help in the hour of trouble." It will save many a new trial and many a reversal. Few realize how important a part the instructions play in the trial of our jury cases and how many new trials are granted and how many cases are reversed because of errors in those instructions. In many overburdened appellate courts the instructions constitute the portion of the record on appeal which is first examined, and though other portions are often overlooked, it is seldom that the instructions are ignored. What use, indeed, of wading through hundreds of pages of testimony and of exhibits if the jury was improperly directed? What trial judge, too, would not grant a new trial if convinced of a radical error in his instructions rather than run the risk of the humiliation of a reversal upon an appeal? Often, too, in our crowded cities, where the courts are behind their calendars and, in order to expedite the trials, the time in which to address the jury is limited to such an extent as to make argument of little value, a well written and carefully prepared set of instructions is the lawyer's only weapon and only shield of defense. Yet the time in which to prepare these instructions is always very limited. The developments of a trial can seldom be anticipated so that the work can be done in advance; the jury cannot be kept waiting, and the instructions, therefore, must be hurriedly prepared in short recesses during the last stages of the trial in which the lawyer has always many distractions, or in the altogether too short interval which elapses between the closing of the testimony and the charge to the jury. Both the distracted lawyer and the often equally distracted judge need authoritative help, and that help Mr. Randall and his corps of assistants have now furnished. Now as never before he who runs may read. There have been other works upon the subject, but none which have been as comprehensive, as accurate and as carefully prepared.

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